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INTRODUCTION.

In the year 1884, Mr. J. Madison Hodge and his wife Huldah, visited me at Enfield, Mass. It was the year following the sad death by accident of my father and his wife. "Aunt Huldah," as I styled her in my boyhood, being a daughter of Taphath Towne Hodge and Madison a son of Roxana Towne Hodge whom I well remember, gave me from memory the names in order of birth, of the children of Ephraim Towne of Warwick, Mass., who married Huldah Gale, and also the names of all the grandchildren—her cousins. Much pleased to secure this bit of family history, I wrote it out forthwith. That same day a neighbor interested in genealogy persuaded me to write Harwood Brothers, jewelers, in Boston, relatives of his, concerning certain town histories with which to trace our family farther back. I wrote, and imagine my surprise at the reply two days later from P. M. Harwood, viz: "My wife was Celestina Towne. Would you not like the loan of my copy of the Towne-Family Memorial?" On receiving the copy so kindly loaned me, I found the family line traced to Ephraim Towne who married Huldah Gale at Warwick, Mass. Mrs. Hodge had finished the story for me. I secured a copy of the memorial from Mr. Edwin Hubbard, the compiler, now of Rutland, Vermont. His work was done in 1880 for Henry Towne of Chicago, formerly of Georgia, Vermont, and A. N. Towne of San Francisco, then General Superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad. Beside church and town records, he had access to the extensive papers compiled by William B. Towne, an efficient officer in the New England Genealogical Society, and founder of the Towne Memorial Fund. He lived in Brookline, Mass., and Milford, N. H..

There are estimated to be more than ten thousand in the family, counting the daughters in only the first and second generations.

Many of the family of Ephraim Towne have lived in Stowe Vermont. There were four other Towne families there, but I have traced only Salem Towne to this line, he coming through Belchertown, Mass. My work may not be exact in the later children. Please correct errors and inform the writer. The memorial and many other records may be consulted at the New England Historic Genealogical Rooms, Boston.

THE TOWNE FAMILY.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MEMORIAL COMPILED BY EDWIN HUBBARD.

While the name Town, Towne or Townes occurs for four hundred years previously, the line is not definite until William Towne, supposed son of Richard and Ann of Braceby, England. He married Joanna Blessing at the church of St. Nicholas, at Yarmouth, Norfolk County, England, March 25, 1620, and here also were baptized their first six children as follows:

Rebecca, February 21, 1621, just two months later than the landing at Plymouth of the Pilgrims. Coming to Massachusetts in 1635 with the family, she married Francis Nourse at Salem Village, now Danvers. She was executed as a witch July 19, 1692, having been led to the church in chains on Sabbath previous and excommunicated. Twenty years later, however, the church reversed its decision and blotted out the record. A monument was erected to her memory in 1885 by the Nourse decendents.

John, born February 16, 1624.

Susanna, born October 20, 1625.

Edmund, born June 28, 1628.

(6.) Jacob, born March 11, 1632; line with Ephraim 437.

Mary, baptized August 24, 1634; married Isaac Estey at Topsfield, and though an estimable woman like Rebecca, was executed also for witchcraft, September 22, 1692.

Sarah, baptized September 3, 1648; married first, January 11, 1660, Edmund Bridges, and later Peter Cloyes. She narrowly escaped the fate of her sisters.

Joseph, baptized September 3, 1648; married Phœbe Perkins.

Of the children, Jacob married Catherine, daughter of John Symonds, June 26, 1657, died November 27, 1704. Their children were:

(20.) John, born April 6, 1658; married Mary Smith.

Jacob, born February 13, 1660; married Phœbe Smith.

Catherine, born February 25, 1662; married Elisha Perkins.

Deliverance, born August 5. 1664; married John Stiles.

Ruth, born August 5, 1664.

Edmund, born July 21, 1666.

Of these we only take (20) John, the first to spell the name "Town." He was an efficient man in Topsfield, administering his father's estate. When Framingham was incorporated he was chosen selectman, but in 1712 removed to Oxford, where his sons Israel and Ephraim were proprietors; was town clerk, selectman, was one of four at a meeting aiming to form a church, the meeting held at Israel's house. The oranization was effected January 21, 1721. He was deacon while he lived, his estate being settled in 1740. His children were:

Mary, John, Israel, Esther, Ephraim, Jonathan, David. Samuel, Edmund and John—nine living to marry. Of these we take:

(65.) Ephraim, born at Topsfield, 1688, lived in Framingham, was one of thirty proprietors of Oxford. His children were Paul and (165) Silas, (twins,) Edmund and Thomas. Of these:

(165.) Silas, born March 14, 1722, married Susanna Locke, was deacon living at Oxford and Warwick. Their children were; Susanna, Ephraim, Asa, Sarah, (437) Ephraim second, Silas, Lydia, Thomas and Edmund.

(437.) Ephraim, born August 14, 1753, married Huldah Gale. Thus far we learn from Mr. Hubbard's Memorial. From friends at Warwick I learned that the marriage was published September 20, 1777. The family name was then in Revolutionary time, scattered over the New England States with the growth of civilization, many

of Ephraim's children going to Northern Vermont. These were the names of his decendants, as learned from

MRS. HULDAH HODGE AND TOWNE AND FAMILY RECORDS.

949. Taphath, born June 28, 1778; married Levi Hodge.

950. Polly, born February 8, 1780; married Joseph Fuller.

951. Elihu, born November 23, 1781; married Apphia Sprague.

952. Fanny, born November 28, 1783; married Rufus Kinney.

953. Caroline, born April 6, 1786; married Daniel Watts.

954. Roxanna, born October 11, 1791; married Eldad Hodge.

955. Huldah, born November 13, 1796; married Daniel Batchelder.

956. Roswell, born December 15, 1802; married Demorest Darling and Charity Smith.

Lived in Stowe Vert.

Following for the present the males of the family—(951) Elihu was married at Warwick, February 17, 1808. Three years later he settled in Stowe, Vermont. He was called to Burlington to help in the battle of Plattsburgh, but the battle was fought the day before his arrival. He was one who often visited the sick, but not alone to pray with them, as he never went empty handed. His death occured during the epidemic of erysipelas, March 12, 1843. His widow died November 11, 1867. Their children were:

957. Hiram, born August 6, 1810; married Adaline Towne.

958. Saphronia, born July 7, 1812; married Solomon Stockwell. d '84

959. Arad, born October 22, 1814; married Achsah N. Bowman.

960. Jesse, born August 28, 1816; married Salome E. Seabury, Nancy P. Shaw and Merinda M. Alger.

961. Louisa, born July 5, 1819; married John Moody.

962. Emery, born March 11, 1822: married Emily Holmes and Sarah Davis.

(956.) Roswell Towne, born December 15, 1802; married Demorest Darling. They had one child:

982. Rosina, born October 8, 1828; died December 18, 1867.

A second wife was Charity Smith; married 1831, and their children were:

983. Rosetta, born August 16, 1833; died

984. Rosetta second, born August 6, 1834; died

985. William M., born July 3, 1836; died

986. Orlo B., born April 17, 1841.

987. Lovina, born April 26, 1845; died

988. George W., born May 6, 1848; died

989. Wilbur G., born October 4, 1852.

(957.) Hiram Towne, born Warwick, Mass., August 6, 1810, moved to Stowe, Vermont the next year, married Adaline Towne of Morristown, December 8, 1837, was a farmer, first on the home farm near Waterbury, later at Moscow. He was a faithful and industrious citizen, commanding the respect of all who knew him. His death occurred June 23, 1877. His children were:

963. Emiline, born June 20, 1844; married Alton Moody.

964. Deetle, born January 11, 1847; married Howard Butts.

965. Jane, born November 14, 1849.

966. Alice, born June 7, 1853; married Willis Robinson.

(959.) Arad Towne, born at Stowe, October 22, 1814, married Achsah N. Bowman, November 8, 1836. They soon took up pioneer life in Sauk County, Wisconsin, where his children reside. Died December 8, 1864. Their children were:

967. Antoinette J., born August 19, 1837; died September 23, 1859.

968. Emily F., born November 2, 1840; married Jonathan Hunter.

969. Edmund B., born April 11, 1843: married Emogene L. Main.

970. Eva L., born November 1, 1845: married L. J. Linnell,

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(960.) Jesse Towne, born August 28, 1816; married Salome E. Seabury, daughter of Col. John Seabury who settled in Stowe, from near New London, Conn. September 27, 1845 was the date. Their child (971) Solon R. was born December 20, 1846. A second marriage was to Nancy P. Shaw, April 14, 1850, and (972) Jessie Louise was born to them March 18, 1860; died December 18, 1863. Nancy died Apr 16 1864. A third marriage was Marinda M. Alger, February 11, 1866.

Leaving his farm home before his majority, he learned the shoe trade which he followed at Stowe until 1870. He preferred the quiet of home and his shop, and was a reticent man, serving the community well in his business.

An accident (being thrown from a carriage August 14, 1883,) caused his death, also that of his wife; hers occuring immediately, his on the 30th of August 1883.

(962.) Emery Towne, born March 11, 1822; married Emily Holmes at Stowe, December 27, 1843, and again Sarah Davis, August 23, 1852. His work as carpenter was most thoroughly done. He took a deep interest in Freemasonry, and was prominent in the order in Vermont. Lived at Stowe, later at Waterbury, Vermont now at Middlesex. The only child is: Wife d 1/92

973. Henry B., born October 8, 1853; married Chestina Preston, January 1, 1883.

(969.) Edmund B., born April 11, 1843; married Emogen L. Main, March 2, 1865, is living at Valton, Sauk County, Wis. His children are:

974. Clayton, born June 6, 1868.

975. Lester F., born February 18, 1871.

976. Charlotte E., born February 1, 1873.

977. Arad S., born August 14, 1876.

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Stowe until 1866, when he spent a year in Goldthwaite and Co's. carpet store, Salem, Mass. In 1867 began a year of study at Morrisville Academy. Was graduated A. B. at Dartmouth College in 1872, and in Medicine in 1875. Practised Medicine a year at Brookfield, Vt. In June 1876 moved to Enfield, Mass., pursuing practice there twelve years, when he removed to Omaha, Nebr. The children are:

978. Jessie Margaret, born July 5, 1874; Hanover, N. H.

979. Mary Agnes, born April 9, 1876; Brookfield, Vt.

980. Robert Somers, born February 22, 1878; Enfield, Mass.

981. Alice Christine, born April 3, 1884; Enfield, Mass.

(986.) Orlo B. Towne, born April 17, 1841; married Emily A. Whitney, September 29, 1860. Children:

990. George, born

(989.) Wilbur G. Towne; married Eva L. Jones, March 4, 1874.

Returning to the daughters of Ephraim Towne, since it will be of interest to many who see this pamphlet, I give their marriages and children.

(949.) Taphath T., married Levi Hodge. Children—many of whom lived in Stowe, Vt.

Levi, Charles, Ephraim, Russell, Roswell, Phœbe (French.) Huldah (Hodge.) Asa.

(950.) Polly T., married Joseph Fuller. Children known about Stowe.

Abner,	Polly,
Taphath,	Elvira, (Dwinell,)
Ira.	Leonard,
Cyrus,	Ezra.

(952.) Fanny T., married Rufus Kenny. Children:

Christiana,	Elihu,
Mary (Stockwell,)	Roxana,
Chauncy,	Huldah,
Augusta,	William,

Almeda.

953. Caroline Towne, married Daniel Watts. Children:

Charles, Caroline,
Kathrina, Chandler,
Fanny, Sabrina,
Daniel, Merrick,
Hortensia.

954. Roxana, married Eldad Hodge. Children:

Sullivan, Madison,
Roxana (Adams.)

955. Huldah Towne, married Daniel Batchelder. Children:

Lisander, Miranda.

In family of Elihu Towne, the daughters were:

958. Saphronia Towne, married Solomon Stockwell. Children

Augustus, Jerusha (Atkins,) died
Andrew J., died Emery, died
Cornelia C. (Sanborn,) Elihu T., (Gertrude)
George L. Merrick.

961. Louisa Towne, married John Moody. Children:

Addie (Burnham,) d 60 Priscilla (Raymond,) died
Nathaniel, Ermina (Wilkins.)

In Hiram Towne's family.

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964 Deette, married Howard Butts. Children.

966. Alice, married Willis Robinson and Children.

In Arad Towne's family.

968. Emily F., married Jonathan Hunter, in Vernon County. Lives near Valton, Wisconsin. Children.

Apphia Jane,	Antoinette C.
Ada A., died,	Adda L., died.
Anne E., died	Frank A.
Isora L., died	Alice M.

Effie E.

970. Eva L.. married L. J. Linnell, Belvidere, Ill. Children.

May J.	Bertha L.

980 Robt Somers I md Apr 6-1900

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